



**WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
November 20, 2002

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: COWLITZ DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CDID) #1 - GRASS
CARP - DITCH #8 IN SECTIONS A - E

Description of Proposal: Plant triploid (sterile) grass carp into Ditch #8 in Sections A, B, C, D, and E, with no public access, to control aquatic vegetation.

The proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:

1. All inlets and/or outlets shall be fully screened prior to planting grass carp to prevent fish from emigrating out of the pond.
2. Screens need to be annually checked and, if necessary, maintained for the life of the project.
3. Any stocking for other ditches will need to go through additional SEPA review. Since the project will be testing the feasibility of grass carp use in other ditches, the following conditions may be required under additional SEPA review:
 - a. A survey of waterfowl use (nesting and brooding) on those ditches that will be subject to future grass carp stocking.
 - b. Establishing a monitoring plan to track changes in nesting and brooding use by waterfowl for any ditches potentially scheduled for future grass carp stocking.
 - c. Additional conditions may need to be added if those potential sites have significant nesting and brooding populations of waterfowl.

Proponent: Cowlitz Diking Improvement District (CDID) #1, 5350 Pacific Way, Longview,
Washington 98632

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: CDID #1, Ditch 8, Section C Between Mt. Solo Road and Dike Crossing, Near the Intersection of Section E Bypass Ditch with Ditch 8, Longview, Washington, Cowlitz County; Sections 19 and 30, Township 08 North, Range 02 West and Sections 23 and 24, Township 08 North, Range 03 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and

other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **November 19, 2002**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

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DATE OF ISSUE: November 5, 2002 **SIGNATURE:**  _____

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